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Sir:

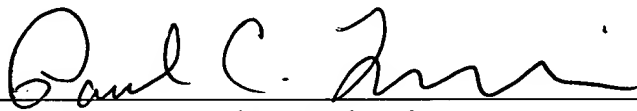
The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the changes to Figs. 1-14, as indicated in red on the attached proposed drawing correction. This drawing correction removes the brackets from around reference numeral 30 and removes the underlining from several of the reference numerals as requested by the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that these drawings corrections be held in abeyance until allowance of the above-identified application. At that time, these drawing corrections will be implemented by a bonded draftsman employed by the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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